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Public Meeting Scheduled for Proposed Central Los Angeles New Learning Center No. 1 (Ambassador Hotel Site)

Los Angeles -- A public meeting regarding the proposed Central Los Angeles New Learning Center No. 1, site of the former Ambassador Hotel, located at 3400 Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles is scheduled for Thursday November 7, 2002, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced today.

The meeting will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the downstairs Parish Hall at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 3300 Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. DTSC invites the public to come learn about, and comment on the Draft Removal Action Workplan for the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) proposed site.

LAUSD proposes to build an elementary school, middle school and a high school on this site which was formerly the location of the Ambassador Hotel. The LAUSD conducted a Preliminary Environmental Assessment, with DTSC oversight, to determine if any hazardous substances were present that would pose a threat to public health or the environment. The investigation detected lead, total petroleum hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds in soil samples, in concentrations that exceed DTSC health risk levels for proposed school sites. The Draft Removal Action Workplan presented at the public meeting will include the proposed method for cleaning the site and eliminating the risk posed by the hazardous substances found on the property.

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2002
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Location: Immanuel Presbyterian Church
Parish Hall
3300 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, Ca

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